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Madam/Sir:

As a small business owner, I would like to put in my two cents regarding the proposed settlement in the Microsoft anti-trust case. The settlement is nothing more than a complete capitulation by the government to a company which has been found guilty of using its monopoly repeatedly in anticompetitive fashion. The 'penalties' do nothing to curtail Microsoft's illegal behavior and, in fact, are designed to extend the company's monopoly further. As more innovative companies are crushed by the continued illegal behavior of a convicted monopolist, the government twiddles its thumbs.

Innovation suffers. The public gets a poor product at a ridiculously high price. Pathetic.

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